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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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EXAMINERS FINDINGS: (DETAILED ACTION)

RESPONSE:

Pg. 2, #3 (drawings)

Per examiners suggestion, phrase "Fig 4A" has been removed from drawing Fig 4.

Pg. 2, #4 (specification)

Per examiners suggestion, Title "An improved security code activated access control system" has been replaced with "Security code activated access control system".
Page 1 & 8.

Pg. 3, #5 & 6 (claim objections)

Typo errors corrected.
Page 37 & 38.

Pg. 3 & 4, #7-10
(claim rejections-35 USC 112)

Claim #1 has been rewritten to include first occurrence of "database".
Page 37.

Pg. 4-13, #11-15
(35 USC 102 & 35 USC 103)

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the control device as having "independent and isolated operation from said database". This is a critical feature of this invention which sets it apart from Gruenberg and other known prior art. This feature is described in both the abstract,
"The database and control device have security code activities that are synchronized, though the two operate independently and are not electrically connected" as well as the specifications but was erroneously left out of the first independent claim.

Gruenberg teaches a system requiring a communication link for operation as stated in the Gruenberg abstract,
"An authentication system in which communication between two locations is provided by a continuous full duplex bi-directional communications highway..." as well as shown in multiple drawings (item #5 & #6), specifications and claims,
Page 37.

Claim 15 has been rewritten to further include the intent of the allowable claim 18 per examiner Zand's suggestion during a telephone conversation of 12/8/04. The existing dependent Claim 18 therefore has been deleted and claims 19 and 20 renumbered to 18 and 19 respectively.
Page 38 & 39.